

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING ON VIRGINIA STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (VSMP) COUNTY OF ARLINGTON MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) INDIVIDUAL PERMIT – AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT AND THE VIRGINIA STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

ISSUED BY: VIRGINIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

VSMP Permit Number: VA0088579

Name of Permittee: Arlington County, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 710, Arlington, VA 22201

Facility Location: Arlington County is 26 square miles in area and is bordered by the Potomac River to the North and East, the City of Alexandria to the South, and Fairfax County to the West and South. The County's MS4's receiving waters include 11 major watersheds: Gulf Branch, Donaldson Run, Potomac River (A), Windy Run, Spout Run, Colonial Village/Rocky Run, Potomac River (B), Four Mile Run (contains the following major streams: Lower Long Branch, Doctor's Branch, Lubber Run, and Upper Long Branch), Little Pimmit Run, Pimmit Run, and Roaches Run.

SUBJECT: Pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act as amended and the Virginia Stormwater Management Act and attendant regulations, the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board is considering the reissuance of a Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) Individual Permit for Stormwater Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) owned and operated by Arlington County. The purpose of this notice is to seek public comment and announce a public hearing on the draft individual permit that will allow the release of stormwater from this MS4 into water bodies in or adjacent to the locality.

SUBSTANCE: Arlington County has applied for reissuance of an MS4 permit for the discharge of stormwater into multiple water bodies in the Potomac River Watershed. An MS4 is a system of conveyances that is owned by a public entity and is used and/or designed to collect and discharge stormwater to surface waters. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams.

The draft permit establishes requirements for control of MS4 stormwater discharges through the development, implementation, and enforcement of an MS4 program to reduce the impacts of the stormwater discharges on the receiving streams.

The draft permit requires the permittee to evaluate program compliance, the appropriateness of identified BMP's, progress towards achieving the identified measurable goals, and to submit annual reports. The draft permit also requires the operator to address Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Wasteload Allocations, including those associated with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, assigned to the permittee and contains other conditions governing the development, implementation, and reporting requirements of an MS4 Program. DCR's preliminary decision is to recommend reissuance of the permit.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing to receive comments on the draft individual permit will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2013 at the Arlington County Government Office Building, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Room 109, Arlington, VA 22201. Reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements. The submission of statements in writing is encouraged.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The public hearing will be held at facilities believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person with questions should contact Mr. David Dowling at (804) 786-2291. Persons needing interpreter services for the deaf should notify Mr. Dowling no later than February 28, 2013.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: The Board is seeking written comments from interested persons on this draft individual permit. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2013. Comments should include the name and address of the commenter. Only those comments received within this period will be considered. All comments should be submitted to:

The Regulatory Coordinator
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
203 Governor Street, Suite 302
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Comments may also be faxed to the Regulatory Coordinator at (804) 786-6141 or be e-mailed to regcord@dcr.virginia.gov.

CONTACT PERSON: A copy of the draft individual permit and permit fact sheet can be found at: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/laws_and_regulations/lr3c.shtml. For additional information, including a copy of the Arlington draft individual permit and permit fact sheet, or to review copies of materials or applicable laws and regulations, contact Mr. David Dowling at (804) 786-2291 or at the address above.